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## and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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## Sam Morris, Harvey Springer Speakers In Bible School November 21-28

A telegram came today (Wednesday) from Rev. Harvey Springer at Englewood, Colorado, announcing that he could be with us, God willing, in our eight day's Bible School Thanksgiving week, November 21-28. Brother Sam Morris will be with us, God willing, for a full week, including one Sunday. We are to hear also from the great colored singer, Bro. Elbert Tindley in a few days. We expect him to be with us for all the eight days and sing every service as he alone can.

We have plans for other speakers but will not announce them since we do not yet have definite agreement that they can be here. With Brother Sam Morris, Harvey Springer, Tindley and the editor, John R. Rice, we hope to have a full program, rich with blessing, anointed by the power of God. Make your plans now to be present. And why not make it a matter of daily prayer that it will be a Pentecost of transforming power to the glory of God. Pray that the crowd will come who needs to come, that God will guide about the program and send money for the heavy expenses, and save many souls and inspire every preacher and worker who comes.

If you desire to have part in the expense of such a Bible School, in bringing speakers, etc., your offering will be appreciated.

### Booklet Used In A Happy Conversion

The Scripture says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1). About six years ago I first got out the little booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?", which has now been printed in three languages and hundreds of thousands of copies have been printed, and this booklet has been used of God in the winning of hundreds of souls. At first I did not have money to print the booklet. I greatly feared that no one would buy it if I had it printed. So we mimeographed that sermon. It took about twelve pages including the decision slip. How lovingly and carefully the sermon was written and prayed over and mimeographed and distributed in revivals and to all my radio audience who wrote for it.

And now comes word of a soul saved through those mimeographed copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" dated September 26, 1937, a man at Tyler, Texas, signs the decision slip which says,

"Dear Brother Rice:  
"Realizing that I am a sinner,  
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## Bible Lessons On Matthew Larger Than Expected

With people enrolled for the Bible Correspondence Course in Matthew from twenty-one states, and new enrollments coming in every mail, we are getting more and more interested in it here in the office. Lessons on the first three chapters have been prepared, and Monday the lesson on Chapter I was mailed out to those who had enrolled. However, more are enrolling every day and we expect many new ones in the next two or three weeks. Those who enroll late will get every lesson they have missed and thereafter a lesson each week until Matthew is completed, just as the others do.

I am enjoying the preparation of these lessons in Matthew so much that I cannot quit. At first I thought we would have two legal size pages, mimeographed, but lessons like that are not easy to keep.

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Many Sunday School teachers are enrolling. We hope you will do so, too. Send \$1.50 today for the Bible lessons on Matthew to John R. Rice, 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas.

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### The Nations Rushing Headlong To The Last Stupendous World Battle — Armageddon

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"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

"4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

"5. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

"6. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

"8. And all these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matt. 24:3-8).

Read the rest of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. The next verse, verse nine, says, "THEN shall they deliver you up to be afflicted," etc. Verse ten says, "And THEN shall many be offended," etc., and verse twenty-one below says, "For THEN shall be great tribulation" (literally THE great tribulation).

Wars and rumors of wars, the Saviour says, are distinctive marks of the course of this age, and "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom." The first time great wars should curse the world, Christians were to know that "the end is not yet." Many Jews might think that the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, a few years later, betokened the end of the world. Rather, the Saviour teaches that both wars and the rumors of wars with their alarms, their dreads and fears and hates and plots would grow worse and worse to the end of the age and that the age itself would come to a terrible, hellish climax and final end by the most terrible war of all. The times of the Gentiles are rushing to an end. The nations of the world are unconsciously preparing for the final Armageddon. On every hand we may expect wars and rumors of wars to increase until Christ Himself shall come and end all war and personally take over the kingdom.

**Increasing Wars Follow Increasing Sin**

Wars are but an expression of the wickedness of mankind. There was no war in the Garden of Eden. There will be no war in Heaven. War is a part of the curse of sin. The alarms and fears and hates that precede wars and come from wars simply accompany the awful wickedness of the human race and are part of the curse on mankind and on the earth since man's sin.

The ground itself was cursed for man's sake so that it brings forth thorns and thistles. Then when Cain killed his brother, the ground was further cursed so it would not bring forth its full fruit. Then

when the race in sinful pride started to build the tower of Babel, God brought division and confusion among them by confusing their languages. The divisions, hates, selfishness and war are part of the curse on mankind.

The Scriptures clearly teach that this world is getting worse and worse. There will be more earthquakes, more floods, more pests of nature, more disease as the age gets older. Men will become more godless and more wicked. The times will become more perilous and so wars and bloodshed will increase. This is the plain teaching of II Timothy 3:1-5, which says,

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

"3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

"4. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

"5. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."

The above Scripture is about "the last days." If those perils and sins were true in earlier days, then they increase in the latter days. Sin is accumulative and judgment is accumulative. Notice the terms that indicate war.

"Perilous times"  
"Without natural affection"  
"Trucebreakers"  
"Fierce"  
"Traitors," etc.

The selfishness, pride, lawlessness and godlessness of the age must result in open conflict and war among men. In the same chapter, verse 13 says,

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

The question of whether the world is getting better or worse is settled by the Word of God. It is continually growing worse. That is the reason earthquakes increase and wars increase.

When the Saviour was crucified, there followed Him a group of women, weeping over His coming crucifixion. He turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children . . . For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:28, 31).

The generation that crucified Jesus needed to weep for themselves; much more they needed to weep for their children. The generation that crucified Jesus were like a "green tree" when it had not yet ripened and brought forth its full fruit. Later generations, particularly the last days when Jesus is to return to the earth, will be like an old tree, dead, when sin has brought its full fruit and when the race is like dry wood, ready for

the fires of God's wrath and judgment! Repeatedly in the Scriptures we have the teaching that sin is on the increase, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." They will be deceived and will deceive others.

### Increase of Wars in Modern Times

During the World War I wore the uniform of the United States. We were told by honest, good men that this was "a war to end all wars." President Wilson had the ideal of a League of Nations which would bring about world-wide peace and righteousness. His ideals were good but his mistake was in trusting men to bring about such peace. They never have and they never will. This world will never have peace, will never be free from wars and rumors of wars until the Lord Jesus Christ Himself comes and rights the things that are wrong with this sin-cursed planet.

Since the World War things have not been better, but worse. France had her war with the Druses. Mexico had a great revolution. In Russia the revolution led by communists has resulted in an estimated 1,700,000 murdered. In Spain the government was overthrown. King Alfonso was dethroned. In South America the Chaco War between Peru and Bolivia dragged on long months, with thousands dead. There have been revolutions and overthrows of governments in Argentina, Chile and Brazil and countless other small nations. Mussolini and Hitler seized dictatorships in Italy and Germany. Internal war among the 450 millions of Chinese have left unmeasurable grief and suffering and tragedy. Japan seized Manchuria, now Manchukuo, and set up a puppet king. Italy, without declaration of war and without provocation, seized and conquered Ethiopia, slaughtering thousands of helpless negroes. And now we have had dragging on long, long months a civil war in Spain; brother against brother, with im-

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning the Fundamentalist Baptist Church will observe the Lord's Supper and hope for a fine attendance.

Last Sunday was a time of unusual blessing. Some were saved in Sunday School, there were three professions Sunday night and about twenty-four professions in the three services Sunday afternoon. The power of God was wonderfully felt. This week reports have already come of a number of conversions in the hospital Monday night, two Monday afternoon in Trinity Heights, two men saved in West Oak Cliff, and another saved at one of the member's homes.

Next Sunday hear John R. Rice on radio WRR, 7:30 A. M. Study Matthew, chapters three and four in Sunday School class at 9:45. The pastor will preach at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., and the public is invited.

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## Wars And Rumors of Wars

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ported trou Moors from North Africa, Italians and others and with aid given secretly or openly by several nations to the respective sides. And last of all, Japan is making a determined assault to conquer China, with more bloodshed. That war is wicked, inexcusable, murderous, without regard to women or children or other non-combatants.

It is a bloody, dark, woeful picture, the picture of the world today. The world is in the grip of wars and rumors of wars.

### Expectancy of War Greater Now Than Since Time Began

Nor is there any relief in sight. A constant and increasing dread is on all of the nations of the earth. The war in Spain is not expected to dwindle to a happy end even to an inconsequential one. On the contrary, every day it seems that other nations will be drawn into the struggle one way or another. The Japanese-Chinese clash has sinister implications. Will Russia come into the war on the side of China? Will Japan bomb American warships? Does Japan plan to seize the Philippine Islands? Many think so. What about the thousands of missionaries and business men in China, with the American Consuls, etc? If they are killed by raging armies, can America ignore it? There is unease everywhere. No nation trusts other nations. Russia, Germany and Italy under the hands of ruthless dictatorships, insane for power, do not fear God nor regard man. Italy has already proven itself without conscience in the Ethiopian war. Germany is doubtless just as bad, and godless Russia infinitely worse. Communism is eating away at the vitals of democracy in America and every other republic. The breakdown of loyalty, integrity and devotion to home, country, Constitutional government and righteousness is alarming.

There are more men under arms today, or ready for arms, we are told, than at any time in the world's history. There are more trained soldiers, more guns, airplanes, tanks, battleships, more poison gas than ever before. England, America and France are straining every nerve in preparedness. Russia claims in number of trained soldiers to be ahead of the whole world, and Italy in military airplanes. Even children are

drilled for war in Italy and elsewhere.

America has adopted a policy of neutrality but on every hand people ask the question, "If war begins, can we stay out of it?" Very few believe that we can. We could not maintain our world-wide commerce without protecting our interests in time of war. Would Americans do without coffee for breakfast, do without rubber for automobile tires, and other necessities, to be neutral in a great war? We doubt it. Would America be neutral if it meant no market for American cotton and wheat, for American automobiles and a thousand other products of our factories? Would the American laborer want peace if it meant rising prices and wages cut in half? We doubt it. Very few informed people believe that America could stay out of a great world war if her ships were torpedoed at sea and her consuls, business men and missionaries were bombed, machine-gunned or otherwise murdered in foreign lands. If American ports were blockaded by one foreign country so that another could not receive food, cotton, machinery and war materials from us or could not bring us coffee and rubber, would America make the sacrifice and stay at peace? Doubtless she would not. That is the feeling in the minds of every statesman in the world today about his country. Wars themselves are bad enough but every nation is hounded by rumors of war that may start tomorrow. The Word of God is being fulfilled. Wars and rumors of wars curse the age in which we live and will bring about the doom of the present civilization. The world is rushing toward Armageddon!

### Scriptures That Foretell Increasing War

In the future wars will grow increasingly worse. Revelation, the Bible book which is largely concerned with "the things that shall be hereafter" (Rev. 4:1), gives us ominous visions of war in the last days. In these scenes from the future, one giant figure, a man devil-possessed, called the Man of Sin or the Beast, or the Son of Perdition, dominates the scene and appears again and again, although all the nations of the world will be involved in future wars.

In Revelation the sixth chapter, God's Word begins the story of all the plagues that will come on this earth in a future era of trouble. A book of plagues, sealed with seven seals, is described. When each seal is broken there appears some terrible detail of the increasing wrath and judgment of God on a wicked world. When the seventh seal is broken, instead of one plague, seven are introduced with the blowing of seven trumpets. When the seventh trumpet is blown, instead of one curse, seven more are revealed in the bowls or vials of the wrath of God! These curses occupy nearly all of the fourteen chapters of Revelation, beginning with chapter six and ending with chapter nineteen.

Now comes a startling revelation. The first scene in this horrible period of bloodshed is of a man on a white horse, conquering and to conquer, with a bow in his hand for war. The last scene which ends the picture of the present civilization is of another man on a white horse! This time it is the Lord from Heaven, followed by armies of angels with a sword which goes forth from His mouth to slay the wicked. The total composite picture of the first nineteen chapters of Revelation is of bloodshed, war, rule and death. Let me give you some of these Scriptures showing of the wars and rumors of wars that are yet to come on this earth.

Revelation 6:1-8 reads:

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see."

"2. And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

"3. And when he had opened

the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

"4. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another and there was given unto him a great sword."

"5. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand."

"6. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

"7. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see."

"8. And I looked, and behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

First, there is a strongly centralized conquering government, ruled by one man, that man with a bow in his hand. The second horseman rides a horse red, red as blood,

and this one comes "to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword." Dictatorships inevitably lead to future war and that is yet in the future for America.

After the red horse comes the black horse of famine. Destroyed crops, destroyed man-power, destroyed factories, fields laying idle, ships of grain torpedoed by submarines — this spells famine and utter, gaunt starvation to the poor millions of the earth. That is the inevitable result of war and it will come upon the whole earth.

Last of all is the pale horse and his rider, death! One-fourth of the population of the world will be killed "with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth!" That is not a lovely picture. But it simply bears out the statement of Jesus that this world will be cursed with wars and rumors of war until His coming.

### Armies Demon-Possessed In Last Days

In Revelation the ninth chapter we have the fearful picture of the star that fell from Heaven. Satan, the fallen angel, is pictured as having the key of the bottomless pit and opening that pit of Hell, a horrible plague of locusts come out of Hell. But these "locusts" are not the kind that eat grass or trees. These "locusts" are not insects. Rather, they are demons out of Hell who will enter into wicked men on the earth, tormenting them and leading them to war. This tragic story is the Word

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## Wars And Rumors of Wars

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of God and should fill every reader with awe. Read Revelation, chapter nine.

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

"2. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

"3. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

"4. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

"5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

"6. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

"7. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

"8. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

"9. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

"10. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

"11. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

"12. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

"13. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.

"14. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

"15. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

"16. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousands: and I heard the number of them.

"17. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

"18. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

"19. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails, for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

"20. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the

works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood, which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

"21. Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

Notice certain outstanding points in this divine revelation. The real leader of the armies of the earth, verse 11 tells us, is the fallen angel of the bottomless pit, called Abaddon or Apollyon or Satan. It is Satan who is the dictator, driving the nations to war!

Verse 16 is striking and literal. "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousands; and I heard the number of them." The imagery of the chapter is used, then, to picture an army of two hundred million men possessed of demons and so led by Satan to war!

Verse 18 tells us that these armies will slay a third part of the remaining population of the earth. Revelation 6:8 tells how one-fourth of the population will have already been destroyed. Of the remaining three parts, one part will be killed by this army of demon-possessed soldiers. This means that altogether one-half of the population of the earth is to die a horrible death in the time of sorrows which is to be upon the earth!

Jesus spoke of wars and rumors of wars! Few people dream of the horrors this world will yet see.

And the saddest part of all that ninth chapter above is in the last two verses. Read them again and you will see that despite all the war and pain and sorrow yet most wicked men will not repent of their sins.

**The Man of Sin "The Beast" To Make War With the Saints and Overcome the Whole World**

Turn with me to Revelation, chapter thirteen. There we see a great beast with seven heads and ten horns come out of the sea. It is the same beast as described in Daniel 7:7, 8, and explained in the same chapter. It is the Roman Empire which was wounded to death but we are told that the deadly wound is to be healed and the Empire restored under one man. This man himself becomes the dictator of the world, becomes the beast himself, the restored Empire of Rome. Revelation 13:7, then, tells us about this man.

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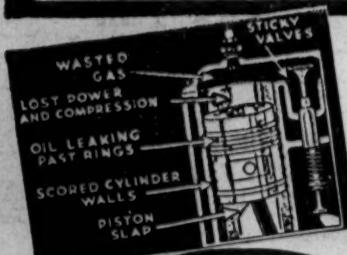
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### "Speak Not Evil One of Another, Brethren"

(Continued from last week)

#### What To Do When A Brother Sins

If you know of a brother or sister who has sinned, what should you do about it? There is always something you can do.

1. If it is a sin against you, then go to them directly and kindly. Jesus said,

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican" (Matt. 18:15-17).

That Scripture gives the course of action when one has wronged you. It does not mean that you are then to talk about him nor campaign against him nor to get even. In every case you are to forgive him. If possible, you are to help him to make it right.

2. If you know of a Christian who has sinned but he has not wronged you personally, there may be times when you can be a blessing. Do not criticize. If you can go in Christian love and if your life is such that you will have the respect and confidence of the man who has sinned, he will probably welcome you. If you are not filled with the Spirit then you are not fit to reproach anybody about their sin. If your life is not better than the one you hope to help, then very likely you cannot do good.

3. You can always pray. Pray for those in trouble like you will want people to pray for you when you get in trouble. Be a partaker in the intercessory work of Jesus Christ, "Who ever liveth to make intercession for us." There are plenty to accuse. Why not resolve that God helping you, you will always pray for those who are attacked and talked about whether they are guilty or not guilty? Moses interceded for the nation Israel when they made the golden calf, and through Moses' prayer the nation was spared. Abraham interceded for Lot and though Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed the angels said they could do nothing at all until Lot was taken from the city. Daniel, in captivity, con-

### Booklet Used In Happy Conversation

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and believing that Christ died for my sin, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins, change my heart, and give me everlasting life as He promised to do. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour and gladly mail this to let you know."

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fessed the sins of his people and interceded for them, opening his window three times daily to pray toward Jerusalem. Samuel prayed for the wicked, fickle-minded Israelites who demanded a king, and said, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (I Sam. 12:23). One thing you can always do for people who do wrong and that is pray!

4. Restore those who are accused of sin. Get other Christians to receive them. Good old Barnabas interceded for Paul and he was received by the apostles at Jerusalem (Acts 9:26). Jonathan loved and interceded for David when accused by Saul. Joab interceded for Absalom before David. If you are spiritual, then help restore the man overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of meekness as God has commanded His people. Don't sin by evil speaking.

#### Don't

If an impulse comes to say Some unthought word today That may drive a friend away, Don't say it.

If you've heard a word of blame Cast upon your neighbor's name That may injure his fair fame, Don't tell it.

If malicious gossip's tongue Some vile slander may have flung On the head of old or young Don't repeat it.

Even if the story's true, Think of all the harm 'twould do; How much better, then, if you Don't rehearse it.

Thoughtful, kind, helpful speech, 'Tis a gift vouchsafed to each — This the lesson we would teach: Don't abuse it.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

who is now a happy member of a church and praying for other Christians! First, God led me to write the sermon and with prayers and tears, to get it out in my poverty and inexperience. A Christian girl ran the typewriter and mimeograph machine. I preached on the radio and doubtless this young woman wrote to me. I sent her the gospel tract. Thus God used this writer, the stenographer, the niece, the wife and another preacher to get a sinner saved.

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